

## Release and Suspected Release Definitions

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### Definition of Release:

In accordance with 40 CFR 280.12 and A.R.S. 49-1001(15):

"Release" means a spill, leak, emission, discharge, escape, leach or disposal of a regulated substance from an underground storage tank into groundwater, surface water or soils.



### Definition of a Suspected Release:

In accordance with A.R.S. 49-1001(16):

"Suspected release" means any of the following:

- The discovery by owners and operators or others of released regulated substances at the underground storage tank site or in the surrounding area.
- Erratic behavior of regulated substance dispensing equipment, the sudden loss of a regulated substance from an underground storage tank, an unexplained presence of water in the underground storage tank or other extraordinary operating conditions that could reasonably be associated with a release from an underground storage tank and that are observed by owners and operators, unless system equipment is found to be defective but not leaking and is repaired or replaced immediately.
- That the monitoring results from a release detection method required under 40 Code of Federal Regulations sections 280.41 and 280.42, this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter indicate that a release may have occurred unless either of the following occurs:
  - The monitoring device is found to be defective and is immediately repaired, recalibrated or replaced and additional monitoring data do not confirm the initial result.
  - In the case of inventory control, a second month of inventory reconciliation data does not confirm the initial result.